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SOIL TESTING UNDER MPLADS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring soil testing under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): The objective of the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) is to enable MPs to recommend works of developmental nature with emphasis on creation of durable community assets based on locally felt needs.

As per Para 3.27 of the Guidelines of MPLADS, an indicative and illustrative Shelf of Projects is maintained by the District Authorities. Construction of Soil Testing Laboratories, subject to the condition that no consumables will be allowed, has been included in the Shelf of Projects.
The work has to be for the general public/community at large and not for any individuals. The operational and maintenance costs have to be borne by the user government/ministry/department/ organization. The construction of a building can be undertaken only if the particular item is duly sanctioned and its operational and maintenance requirements and costs will be met by the user government/ministry/ department/organization.

(c): Does not arise.